



**OFFICE OF THE
ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037**

Case No. : SIC/KP(M)1756/2019
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Dipson Das.
Respondent : SPIO of the Office of the Principal LCB College.
Date of hearing : 29.9.2020
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout, IPS (Retd.)
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
29.9.2020

1. The petitioner Sri Dipson Das is present. The public authority i.e. SPIO of the Office of the Principal LCB College Dr. Adison Ali, First Appellate Authority is present.
2. The PIO of LCB College has submitted a written statement dated 28.9.2020 which is entered into the case records. It is mentioned in the written statement that the petitioner Sri Dipson Das was called to the Principal's Office Chamber on 5.8.2019 and shown all the documents and the petitioner expressed his satisfaction. In addition to that the PIO of LCB College has mentioned that the petitioner deputed Sri Dwijen Barman, a lecturer of Puthimari College to demand money to stop further pursuing of the matter. The Commission advises the Principal of LCB College to take recourse legal remedies if he so desires on the issue of extortion. In this connection the Commission would like to quote the recent Supreme Court Order dated 16.12.2019 in WP(C) No. 436/2018 in Anjali Bhardwaj & Ors VS Union of India & Ors; "We are not against the RTI Act but we think it is necessary to evolve some kind of guidelines to regulate this" said a bench comprising Chief Justice S.A. Bodbe and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant.
"People who are in no way connected to an issue file RTI. It sometimes amount to criminal intimidation, which is a nice word for blackmail. We are not against the right to information. But there is need for guidelines. It cannot be an unrivalled right".
3. The appellant mentioned that he has inspected the documents but there are certain documents which he needs the photocopies.
4. The Commission directs the SPIO/FAA to furnish the photocopies of all the documents and if the numbers of copies are more he can charge the cost of photocopies as per the requirement of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 12.9.2019 is disposed off.

Sd/-
(Dr. A.P. Rout)

Authenticated true copy.

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Registrar i/c
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M)1765/2019

Dtd. 29.9.2020

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1. The SPIO of the Office of the Principal LCB College. Maligaon, Gate No-4, Dist- Kamrup(M), PIN-781011 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority, Office of the LCB College. Maligaon, Gate No-4, Dist- Kamrup(M), PIN-781011 for information.
3. The Appellant, Sri Dipson Das, House No-09, Nilachalpur Maligaon Near LCB College Guwahati, Dist- Kamrup(M), PIN-781011 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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